

May 25, 1949

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Requirements Division,
Plans and Policy Staff, OAS

FROM : Chief, Contact Branch, OO

SUBJECT : Case 2266

1. Requirements are requested for a USSR national who is described as an outstanding scholar of Mongolian language and culture and of the language and culture of other peoples of the eastern USSR. He is believed to be unusually competent since he has been an observer of the Soviet scene over a period of many years and is thought to have an interpretive understanding of the Soviet mind at work.

(a) Description and Curriculum vitae of Source:

Born at Chafoo, China. Father Russian diplomat, serving at various times in Tientsin, Chafoo, Mukden and Kharbin. Primary education under private tutor in China. Attended Protestant Reformed Church School at Petersburg, Russia, from 1903 to 1916.

1916-17 Served as private in the Russian Army.

1917-21 Matriculated at University of Petersburg, majoring in Botany and Physics, with a minor in Oriental Languages.

1921 Instructor in Geography and Ethnology of North Asia at the Geographical Institute, Petersburg.

1922 Instructor in Mongol Languages at the Institute of Oriental Languages, Petersburg.

1923 Appointed Scientific Collaborator of the Asiatic Museum of Academy of Science, Petersburg University under the Department of Mongolian Books and Manuscripts.

1925 Asst. professor of Mongolian and Finnish languages and Lit., University of Leningrad.

1928 Appointed full professor at University of Leningrad and at Institute of Oriental Languages.

1931 Chairman of the Mongolian Dept. of Institute of Oriental Languages. Manager of Mongolian Dept. at the Academy of Science.

1933 Received degree of Doctor of Philology from Academy of Sciences and made member of Academy of Science.

1933-41 Continued work with the Academy of Science, the University of Leningrad, and the Institute of Oriental Languages until the entry of the USSR into World War Two. During this time, he made the following trips in connection with his work:

1926-41 lectured one month of each year at Buriat ULANUDE to the Buriat Mongolians in Siberia on the Mongolian language.

1930-37 Visited Moscow twice a month to teach at the Communist University of the Working People of the East—commonly known as Stalin University.

1930-31 Lectured at Crimea University at Simferopol on Turkish languages.

1941-42 Lectured on Kalmuk language at University of Elista, Kalmuk region. Worked as a reporter, writing historical articles on the Kalmuk region, for a Communist Party sponsored newspaper.

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1942-July Lectured on Russian and Turkish languages at University at Mikoyan-Shukhar, in the Karachay Region in the Caucasus. When this area was overrun by the Germans, the natives destroyed all government buildings, schools and documents in an effort to rid the area of all Russian influence.

1942-Aug. Moved to Kislovodsk, in the Caucasus and lectured to German soldiers privately for his subsistence. Lectures mainly consisted of language instructions.

1943-45 Accompanied German army to Berlin. Lectured on Oriental languages at University of Berlin under a Professor Donath. Was later transferred to the Wannsee Institute, an institute specializing in Russian studies, and under control of the German Counter Intelligence service. When Institute was removed to Austria, joined the East Asia Institute in Berlin, under Professor Donath. After surrender of Germany, moved to Bunde, Westphalia, in British Zone.

1946-49 Worked with British Intelligence as an instructor at British School of Intelligence for Officers. Was contacted by American officials and promised asylum in the American Zone. Arrived in this country May, 1949. Presently in Washington.

2. Source has the following language qualifications.

- a. Fluent in Russian, German, English, French, Finnish, Mongolian, Buriat dialect and Latin.
- b. Very good in Turkish, Manchurian, Tibetan, Tarter dialect, and Uzbek dialect.
- c. Slight knowledge of Chinese, Arabic, Persian, Swedish and Italian.

3. The source states that he has traveled extensively in the following regions of the USSR:

- a. Eastern Siberia, in the Irkutsk region.
- b. Mongolia.
- c. Russian Central Asia, between Leningrad and Saratkind.
- d. Mongolian border to Outer Mongolia, between Kuljar and Shansu.
- e. Area between Leningrad and Buriat Mongolia-extensive exploration of the Selenga Valley.
- f. Ural Mountain Area.
- g. Kalmuk region in the Northern Caucasus.

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4. The source states that he is a specialist on the following areas:

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| a. Eastern Siberia | k. Tashkent |
| b. Sinkiang | l. Chita |
| c. Leningrad | m. Simferopol |
| d. Astrakhan | n. Buriat Mongolia |
| e. Ulanude | o. Manchuria |
| f. Nalchik | p. Crimea |
| g. Baku | q. Kalmuk |
| h. Mongolia | r. Samarkand |
| i. Northern Caucasus | s. Irkutsk |
| j. Moscow | t. Kislovodsk |

5. The source states that he is well acquainted with the following personalities in the USSR:

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| a. MUSKHELISHVILI | President of Georgian Academy of Science; specialist in Nuclear Physics and the theory of Quantities. |
| b. VAVILOV | President of Academy of Science; specialist in Physics and Nuclear Physics. |
| c. PERSMANN | Member of Academy of Sciences; specialist in Mineralogy and Rare metals. |
| d. OVCHINNIKOV | Corresponding member, Academy of Science; specialist in Mineralogy. |
| e. OBRUCHEFF | Geologist - member of Academy of Sciences. |
| f. IGHATIEV | Secretary of Communist Party of Buriat, Mongolian ASSR. |
| g. BELGAYEV | Former chairman of Supreme Soviet of Buriat Mongolian ASSR and now director of Scientific Institute of the same republic. |
| h. PETROV A.A. | Soviet Ambassador to China. |
| i. PETROV G.M. | Leading personality in fomenting uprisings in North Central Persia. |
| j. MUKARJEE | Indian member of Cominform-principal organizer of revolt in India. |
| k. CHATTOPADAYA | Member of Cominform-escaped to Russia from Germany in 1955, assisted in organization of Indian revolt. |
| l. CHOYBALSAN | Widely known as Stalin of Mongolia. |
| m. LEONTIEV | Secretary of Communist Party of Kalmuk region. |
| n. V. FOLK | Nuclear Physicist, member of Academy of Sciences. |
| o. SHUBNIKOV | Physicist, and corresponding member of Academy of Sciences. |
| p. NIKIFOROV | Corresponding member of Academy of Sciences and Director of Seismological Institute Moscow. |
| q. GRIGOREYEV | Member Academy of Sciences and specialist in General Geography. |
| r. LEO BERG | Member of Academy of Sciences and expert on Geography and Zoology. |
| s. VERESHCHAGIN | Corresponding member of Academy of Sciences and Director of Institute for Exploration of Lake Baikal. |
| t. N. BUSH | Member of Academy of Sciences and expert on Botany. |

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u. M. ZALESKI	Member Academy of Sciences and expert on Paleo-Botany.
v. V. SHNITER	Professor at Experimental Medical Institute in Moscow.
w. VOLGIN	Member of Academy of Sciences and a specialist in Marxist History.
x. GRENKOV	Member of Academy of Sciences, wrote "History of Russia".
y. I. VIMINOV	Member of Academy of Sciences, Director of Institute of Anthropology.
z. G. FRANTZOV	Member of Academy of Sciences, Director of Museum of History of Religion.
aa. G. KHAZEV	Director of the Archives of Academy of Sciences.
bb. V. PETROSIAN	Director of Institute of Languages in Moscow, important Communist Party Man.
cc. TOLMACHOV	Director of Exploration Base for the Far North. Expert in study of ice, its effect on shipping, temperatures, etc.
dd. MERSEY	Leader of Manchurian Nationalists. Anti-Russian, Anti-Chinese, Anti-Communist, and strongly pro-Japanese.
ee. FOC HUNG TAI	Deputy to Hsueh-shan leader in the Chinese Nationalist movement.
ff. AITANEATQ	Manchurian-strong Nationalist Anti-Russian. Source states that he can give considerable biographical information on the above and many others with whom he has had intimate contact.

6. Source will be available for some time for exploitation but he will not be available for interview. Since his schedule will be well-filled there will be a better chance for painstaking fulfillment of early requirements.

7. Security: The FBI has granted alien clearance of the source.

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